

Resolution Regarding Trolling While Positioning when Fishing (#440411) 4/8/2013

The Problem:

The State of Wisconsin has gone against the wishes of Northern Wisconsin in trying to vote in state wide Trolling. Question #6 to Allow Trolling Statewide. We recommend a change to read:

Allow Trolling While Positioning when Fishing. (#440411)

Motor trolling is trailing a bait or lure from a boat while being propelled by a motor or sail and is currently illegal (except in certain counties or waters with special exceptions and certain disabled anglers). Positional fishing is fishing from a boat where the fishing line extends vertically into the water while the boat is maneuvered by a motor used to position or maintain a position over an underwater structure. Position fishing is allowed statewide in all waters. Some anglers would like to be able to fish for muskies by trailing a line off the back of a boat while simultaneously position fishing with electronic trolling motors. This would allow the angler to cast and retrieve artificial baits, while having a rigged sucker off the boat. Fishing would be done in accordance with the fishing regulations of Wisconsin.

2012 Question: 51 would you support a rule change to allow the trolling of a sucker or other fish as bait while position fishing with the aid of a motor statewide?

This question passed in northern Wisconsin in 2012 and was in the process of being passed into law.

Be it resolved that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Vilas County on April 8th 2013 recommends to the Department of Natural Resources to take action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change allowing this to occur.

Respectfully submitted by:



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